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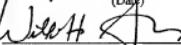
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 53 references. Also enclosed are 27 foreign patent references and 8 non-patent literature documents as listed on the Information Disclosure Statement. Some references identify several co-pending applications filed by Applicant. Applicant directs the Examiner to these applications to consider whether the subject matter claimed, now or as may be amended in the future, as well as the associated prosecution history, now or in the future, may be relevant to the patentability of the present application (e.g., for reasons of obviousness-type double patenting). Applicant believes that the Examiner has access to the applications and associated file histories through the Patent Office (e.g., the IFW system). Accordingly, Applicant has not provided copies of these applications or their associated file histories, but would be happy to do so, now or in the future, should the Examiner so request. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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	11	DE 10393681	10-27-2005	Mitsubishi Fuso Truck & Bus	
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	15	EP 0328362	08-16-1989	Eaton Corp.	
	16	EP 0590240	04-06-1994	Suzuki Co. Ltd.	
	17	EP 0635391	07-18-1994	Eaton Corp.	
	18	EP 0887220	06-24-1988	Magneti Marelli S.p.A.	
	19	EP 0987467	07-29-1999	Daimler Chrysler Corp.	
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	26	EP 1666772	08-22-2005	Calsonic Kansai Corp.		
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	29	WO 98/24008	08-04-1998	Telefunken Microelectron		
	30	WO 02/25131	03-28-2002	Siemens AG		
	31	WO 04/005743	01-15-2004	Luk Lamellen & Kupplungsbau		
	32	WO 2004/094177	11-04-2004	Daimler Chrysler AG		

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	33	Co-Pending U.S. Application No. 11/514,387 filed August 31, 2006. Title: CLUTCH FAILURE DETECTOR, AUTOMATIC CLUTCH SYSTEM, AND STRADDLE-TYPE VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.52862US0A)				
	34	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/514,386 filed August 31, 2006. Title: CLUTCH CONTROL DEVICE AND VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.52858US0A)				
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	39	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/469,268 filed August 31, 2006. Title: CLUTCH ACTUATOR, ENGINE UNIT, AND STRADDLE-TYPE VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.53117US0A)				
	40	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/469,310 filed August 31, 2006. Title: CLUTCH ACTUATOR, ENGINE UNIT, AND STRADDLE-TYPE VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.53118US0A)				
	41	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/469,228 filed August 31, 2006. Title: CLUTCH ACTUATOR, ENGINE UNIT, AND STRADDLE-TYPE VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.53119US0A)				

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	42	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 11/469,252 filed August 31, 2006. Title: SHIFT ACTUATOR, VEHICLE AND METHOD OF INTEGRATING VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.53120US0A)		
	43	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/591,285 filed August 31, 2006. Title: RIDING TYPE VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.51419US1NP)		
	44	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/591,560 filed August 31, 2006. Title: SPEED CHANGE CONTROLLER FOR STRADDLE-RIDE TYPE VEHICLES. (Atty. Docket No. FY.51851US1NP)		
	45	Co-Pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/591,559 filed August 31, 2006. Title: SHIFT CONTROL FOR STRADDLE-TYPE VEHICLE, AND STRADDLE-TYPE VEHICLE. (Atty. Docket No. FY.51421US1NP)		
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